

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 149

Introduced by Assembly Member Chávez

January 15, 2015

An act to amend Section 10644 of, and to amend, repeal, and add Section 10621 of, the Water Code, relating to water management.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 149, as introduced, Chávez. Urban water management plans.

Existing law, the Urban Water Management Planning Act, requires every public and private urban water supplier that directly or indirectly provides water for municipal purposes to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan and to update its plan once every 5 years on or before December 31 in years ending in 5 and zero, except as specified. The act requires an urban water supplier to submit to the Department of Water Resources a copy of its plan and requires the department to prepare and submit to the Legislature, on or before December 31, in the years ending in 6 and 1, a report summarizing the status of plans adopted pursuant to the act.

This bill, commencing January 1, 2017, would instead require an urban water supplier to update its plan at least once every 5 years on or before December 31 in years ending in 6 and one. The bill would instead require the department to submit its report to the Legislature, on or before December 31, in years ending in 7 and two.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 10621 of the Water Code is amended to
2 read:

3 10621. (a) Each urban water supplier shall update its plan at
4 least once every five years on or before December 31, in years
5 ending in five and zero, except as provided in subdivision (d).

6 (b) Every urban water supplier required to prepare a plan
7 pursuant to this part shall, at least 60 days before the public hearing
8 on the plan required by Section 10642, notify any city or county
9 within which the supplier provides water supplies that the urban
10 water supplier will be reviewing the plan and considering
11 amendments or changes to the plan. The urban water supplier may
12 consult with, and obtain comments from, any city or county that
13 receives notice pursuant to this subdivision.

14 (c) The amendments to, or changes in, the plan shall be adopted
15 and filed in the manner set forth in Article 3 (commencing with
16 Section 10640).

17 (d) Each urban water supplier shall update and submit its 2015
18 plan to the department by July 1, 2016.

19 *(e) This section shall remain in effect only until December 31,*
20 *2016 and as of that date is repealed.*

21 SEC. 2. Section 10621 is added to the Water Code, to read:

22 10621. (a) Each urban water supplier shall update its plan at
23 least once every five years on or before December 31, in years
24 ending in six and one.

25 (b) Every urban water supplier required to prepare a plan
26 pursuant to this part shall, at least 60 days before the public hearing
27 on the plan required by Section 10642, notify any city or county
28 within which the supplier provides water supplies that the urban
29 water supplier will be reviewing the plan and considering
30 amendments or changes to the plan. The urban water supplier may
31 consult with, and obtain comments from, any city or county that
32 receives notice pursuant to this subdivision.

33 (c) The amendments to, or changes in, the plan shall be adopted
34 and filed in the manner set forth in Article 3 (commencing with
35 Section 10640).

36 (d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2017.

37 SEC. 3. Section 10644 of the Water Code is amended to read:

1 10644. (a) (1) An urban water supplier shall submit to the
2 department, the California State Library, and any city or county
3 within which the supplier provides water supplies a copy of its
4 plan no later than 30 days after adoption. Copies of amendments
5 or changes to the plans shall be submitted to the department, the
6 California State Library, and any city or county within which the
7 supplier provides water supplies within 30 days after adoption.

8 (2) The plan, or amendments to the plan, submitted to the
9 department pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be submitted
10 electronically and shall include any standardized forms, tables, or
11 displays specified by the department.

12 (b) (1) Notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the Government
13 Code, the department shall prepare and submit to the Legislature,
14 on or before December 31, in the years ending in ~~six~~ *seven* and
15 ~~one~~ *two*, a report summarizing the status of the plans adopted
16 pursuant to this part. The report prepared by the department shall
17 identify the exemplary elements of the individual plans. The
18 department shall provide a copy of the report to each urban water
19 supplier that has submitted its plan to the department. The
20 department shall also prepare reports and provide data for any
21 legislative hearings designed to consider the effectiveness of plans
22 submitted pursuant to this part.

23 (2) A report to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be
24 submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government
25 Code.

26 (c) (1) For the purpose of identifying the exemplary elements
27 of the individual plans, the department shall identify in the report
28 water demand management measures adopted and implemented
29 by specific urban water suppliers, and identified pursuant to Section
30 10631, that achieve water savings significantly above the levels
31 established by the department to meet the requirements of Section
32 10631.5.

33 (2) The department shall distribute to the panel convened
34 pursuant to Section 10631.7 the results achieved by the
35 implementation of those water demand management measures
36 described in paragraph (1).

- 1 (3) The department shall make available to the public the
- 2 standard the department will use to identify exemplary water
- 3 demand management measures.

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